



Transit Advisory Board

Thursday, December 9, 2021

4:00-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at

Alvarado Transportation Center

100 1st St SW

2nd Floor, Santa Fe Training/Conference Room

Albuquerque, NM 87102

OR

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 840 1063 8866

Phone#: 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782

Members Present

Christopher Ramirez, Chair (ZOOM); Patricia Salisbury, Vice-Chair (ABSENT); Markie Anderle (ABSENT); Harris Balkin (ZOOM); Ryan Lee Haack (ZOOM @ 4:28pm); Jennifer Jackson (ZOOM); Don McIver (ZOOM); Rikk Murphy (ATC/ZOOM); Steve Pilon (ZOOM), Hodgin Serrullo (ABSENT); Jacqueline Smith, PTAB (ABSENT)

Staff Members Present

Doreen De la Cruz, Facility Office Manager (ZOOM); Stephanie Dominguez, Interim Transit Director (ZOOM); Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM); Chris Payton, Associate Transit Director (ZOOM)

Visitors Present

Travis Kellum, public member (ZOOM); Rachel Swanteson-Franz, Wilderness Society (ZOOM)

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Ramirez would like to start off the meeting with a land acknowledgement. The City of Albuquerque is on indigenous land and referred to as Tiwa land. That is currently represented by Sandia and Isleta pueblos. We ask for permission and blessing for us to be here and serve the community.

Call to Order

Christopher Ramirez, Chair, began the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Approval of Agenda or Additions

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Don McIver motioned to approve the agenda, Harris Balkin 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Harris Balkin, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, and Steve Pilon.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. Rikk Murphy motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Jennifer Jackson 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Harris Balkin, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, and Steve Pilon.

Public Comment – *Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).*

Don McIver: Requesting follow up feedback on Mario Portillo's email.

Christopher Ramirez: I will address that in the Chair's report.

TAB Chairperson's Report – Christopher Ramirez, Chair

Christopher Ramirez: Regarding Don's question, we did not send an official letter for that proposal for that Grant application. Congratulations to Stephanie in her role at Interim Director and thank you to Danny for his role as Director and wish him lots of greatness in his retirement. TAB made a commitment to support and appreciate the Transit team and want to provide burritos to the Transit staff on December 17. Volunteers and donations are welcome. We'd like to work with Transit on the graphics and do a formal recognition for Transit Equity Day, February 4. I want to invite you all to a meeting with Albuquerque Transit Equity Community Safety Working Group on Monday, December 13 at 3pm on ZOOM. I can share the ZOOM link.

Christopher responded to Jenny's question in the Chat: I will share the link on how to support.

Markie Anderle has moved from Albuquerque and I will reach out to her and ask her to contact Helen Maestas. We have two current openings on the Board.

Director's Report-Stephanie Dominguez- Interim Director

Stephanie Dominguez: ART Ridership; 140,338 passengers for November, increase of 70.6%. Fixed Route Ridership; 418,177 passengers for November, increase of 41.6%. We have canopy installation at the Old Town, San Pedro, East and West Downtown ART stations. Zero Fares is starting January 1st, technically January 2 since services will not be running on January 1st. *(shared photo of graphics regarding Zero Fares that will be on the water bill inserts)* Ticket sales for Luminaria Tour will go on sale December 11.

Rikk Murphy: What changes were made to Luminaria Tour?

Stephanie: Reduced number of ticket sales from 3,600 tickets to 2,500 to allow social distancing in the buses and in the building.

Steve Pilon: RFP update?

Stephanie Dominguez: RFP issued, waiting on City Council to approve selection. We will make sure you all are informed when it's going to City Council for vote.

Christopher Ramirez: What is the typical process and timeline for the budget?

Stephanie Dominguez: We start preparing in January and start identifying requests that are typically out of our budget.

Christopher Ramirez: It would be great to have Chris Payton in the next meeting and have this as an agenda item so everyone knows the process. I'd like to support how the Board to help advocate different streams of revenue across the state for the department.

Harris Balkin: Who do we need to contact regarding a pin curb on Central and Arno?

Stephanie Dominguez: We can work with Planning and DMD departments about that pin curb.

Rikk Murphy: I see cars crossing over the ART lane in those areas as well.

Jenny Jackson: The original plans did not have reversible lanes and that was with the UNM and EDO area Neighborhood Associations weighing in on those plans.

Unfinished Business

Christopher Ramirez: What is the City Council's time line approval process for the RFP Study?

Stephanie Dominguez: We would like the approval process to happen at the next Council meeting. Once the process is approved it's a 12 to 18 month route redesign.

New Business

Stephanie Dominguez: *(shared photos of Zero Fares imagery: message/photo helps convey message to diverse riders as we began to promote Zero Fares)*. We are preparing logistically with updates rules, TVMs will be covered, more images on Fare boxes and final training with our drivers.

Christopher Ramirez: thank you for taking that into consideration. We are also looking at community de-escalating training on how passengers can do some de-escalating training in supporting our drivers and riders.

Harris Balkin: Does Free Fares apply to all routes?

Stephanie Dominguez: Yes, Sun Van, ART and ABQRide.

Second Round of Public Comment *(Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).
No public comment*

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 4:48 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

16:17:16 From Jennifer : where can we make a donation?
16:19:11 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Albuquerque Transit Equity & Community Safety Working Group Meeting on Monday, December from 3-4pm on Zoom
16:21:46 From Stephanie Dominguez to Margaret Lucero(Direct Message) : can you enable me to share my screen
16:22:16 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Thanks Stephanie
16:28:54 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Welcome Ryan, glad you can join us.
16:29:11 From Ryan Haack : Thanks! Sorry for being late!
16:35:15 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Municipal Development is the contact for streets and infrastructure, I can find the specific contact for you Harris — have you tried non-emergency 311 number for the city?
16:40:45 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Appreciate the images for this graphic Stephanie